GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Production of Coconuts
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of coconuts in Maharashtra during each of the last three years and the current year, year-wise;

(b) the number of coconut tree climbers and tappers employed in Maharashtra;

(c) the number of farms owned by the Coconut Development Board and the types and varieties of coconut grown in Maharashtra; and

(d) the steps taken by the Coconut Development Board to promote the cultivation of coconut?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): The production of coconuts in Maharashtra during each of the last three years and the current year, is as under:-

Production in "000MT
Sl. No. Year Production

1 2013-14 129.02
2 2014-15 129.00
3 2015-16 186.67
4 2016-17(First Advance Estimates) 192.41

(b): Most of coconut growers in Maharashtra hire coconut tree climbers and tappers on daily wages. They are not permanently employed by cultivators.

(c): Coconut Development Board has established 10 Demonstration cum Seed Production Farms in the country; of which one is at Palghar in Maharashtra. Coconut varieties cultivated in Maharashtra are Benaulim Tall, Pratap, West Coast Tall, Tiptur Tall, Calangute, Chowghat Orange Dwarf, Chowghat Green Dwarf, Malayan Green Dwarf, Malayan Yellow Dwarf, Malayan Orange Dwarf etc

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(d): Coconut Development Board is presently implementing following developmental schemes for promoting coconut cultivation in the country:

A. Normal schemes
1. Production and Distribution of Planting Material.
2. Expansion of Area under Coconut.
3. Integrated Farming for Productivity Improvement.
4. Technology Demonstration/Quality Testing Lab.
5. Marketing, Market Intelligent Services, Statistics and Strengthening of Export Promotion Council.
6. Information and Information Technology.
B. Technology Mission on Coconut (TMOC)
1. Development and Adoption of Technologies for Processing and Product Diversification.
2. Market Research and Promotion.
3. Development and Adoption Technologies for Management of Pest and Diseases.
In addition to the above regular schemes, Board is also implementing the following programmes to promote production of coconut in the country:

1. Promotion of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO) in coconut sector.
2. Skill Development Training Programmes- Friends of Coconut Tree (FoCT).
It is planned to continue these schemes in all the coconut growing states. More thrust will be given to processing and value addition of

coconut and market promotion of various coconut products.

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